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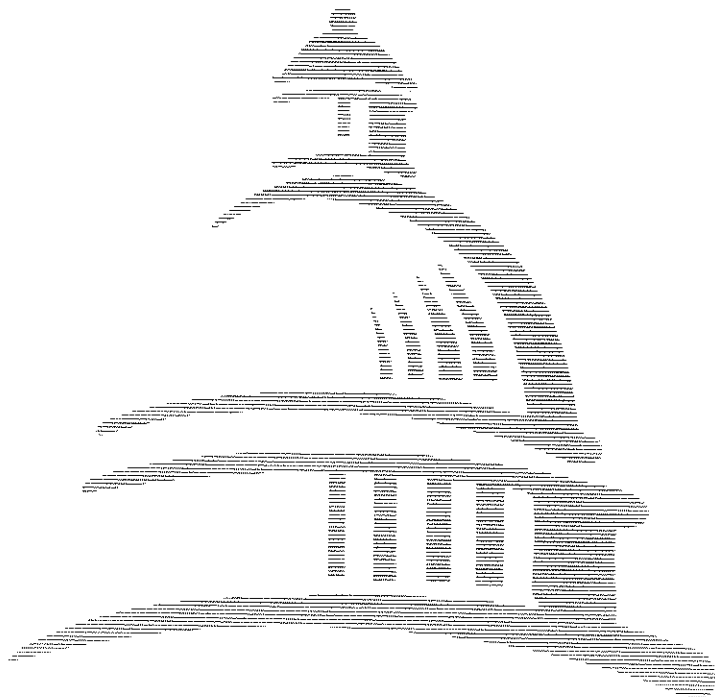
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The Master Plan at 50: Greater Than the Sum of Its Parts— Coordinating Higher Education in California

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Sample Public Agenda

Sample Public Agenda for Higher Education in California

Mission

The purpose of the higher education system in California is to align the knowledge and skills of the adult population with the civic and workforce needs of the state of California.

Master Plan Principles

- **Access to higher education for all adults who could benefit from postsecondary instruction** with community colleges serving as the main entryway for the majority of undergraduates.
- **Affordability** through general support to public institutions and financial aid for students attending public and private colleges.
- **High quality** and cost containment through orderly growth, differentiation of functions, and coordination.

Priority Goals

Access and Success

1. Increase awareness of and student preparation for the demands of postsecondary education.
2. Achieve measurable value-added student learning outcomes.
3. Increase rates of program completion, transfer, licensure and certification, and job placement.

Affordability

4. Adopt and maintain a fee policy that defines the share of educational costs that students pay.
5. Maintain financial aid so that all students are financially able to attend higher education.

Quality and Cost Containment

6. Provide educational programs whose content, quality, and costs are aligned with state needs.
7. Reduce cost per completion in each public segment.

Accountability

Although the Master Plan does not include accountability, policymakers have come to recognize it as necessary for achieving priority goals.

8. Expand statewide longitudinal data collection and analysis to inform state policy decisions.
9. Align policies and funding mechanisms with priority state goals.